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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02779-RC**

BALES v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/28/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/28/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5811801) filed by ROBERT BALES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>3</u> Summons Atty General, # <u>4</u> Summons Dept of State, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. Atty.)(Maher, John) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zmd) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul Cirino on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>4</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer: It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint by January 24, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on December 27, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
12/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 1/24/2019. (gdf) (Entered: 12/27/2018)

01/24/2019	<u>5</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of Lapse in Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
01/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Motion to Stay: It is hereby ORDERED that this case is STAYED until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice. Defendant's response to the complaint, previously due on January 24, 2019, is now due within 30 days of appropriations being restored. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on January 24, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
02/25/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
02/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a joint status report, including a proposed briefing schedule by March 12, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 25, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/25/2019)